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SUBJECT: INDOCHINA REFUGEES

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1. AT JANUARY 11 NAC MEETING, HARDY (CANADA) RECALLED US REQUESTS AT NATO (REFTELS) FOR ALLIED ASSISTANCE IN PLIGHT OF INDOCHINESE REFUGEES. HE SAID THAT AFTER CAREFUL STUDY INVOLVING FEDERAL AND PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENTS, CANADA HAD DECIDED TO:

(A) ACCEPT A MONTHLY QUOTA OF 50 REFUGEE FAMILIES BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 1978;

(B) ASK THE CANADIAN MARITIME COMMISSION TO INSTRUCT CANADIAN SHIPS TO ASSIST INDOCHINESE REFUGEE BOATS IN DISTRESS.

HARDY NOTED THAT THIS ACTION WAS BEING TAKEN AT A TIME OF HIGH UNEMPLOYMENT IN CANADA.

2. CHARGE WELCOMED THIS NEWS AND COMMENDED CANADA'S ACTION TO OTHER ALLIES. GLITMAN
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